

INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022  
SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Mr. Layfield called the Regular Meeting of the Indian River School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Mr. Derek Cathell, Mr. Scott Collins, Mr. Jim Fritz, Mr. Rodney Layfield, Ms. Madeline Moses, Mr. Gerald Peden, Mrs. Connie Pryor, Dr. Heather Statler, and Mrs. Leolga Wright.  
Board Member Absent: Dr. Donald Hattier

Executive Session

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, student hearings, negotiations, litigation. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Reconvene - Regular Session at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Agenda- December 19, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the agenda for December 19, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Pledge of Allegiance/Presentation of Colors

Student Government

Sussex Central High School's student government representative reported on events occurring at Sussex Central High School.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Education Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Recognition

- Undefeated Georgetown Middle School Boys Soccer Team.
- Academic All-Conference (SC): Mary Villareal, Evelyn Velasquez Velasquez, Duncan Winger, Takyla Davis, Lilly Hastings, Catherine Hassler, Kyleigh McGee, Leah Sheridan, Lily Allen, Temperance Hammen-Smith, Claire Hicks, Carissa Jackson, Ella Justice, Emma McIntosh, Elizabeth Shaub, Tyler Buttridge, Cody Layfield, Garrett Statler, Reif Steen, Colin Tucker
- First Team All-Conference (SC): McKenna Boyle, Javier Escobar Lopez, Danny Roblero Perez
- First Team All-State (SC): McKenna Boyle, Javier Escobar Lopez, Wyatt Helens, Malik Bell, Kris Shields, PJ Henry, Kevon Moore-Briddell

- First Team All-District (SC): Wyatt Helens, Malik Bell, Kris Shields, PJ Henry, Kevon Moore Briddell, Kyle Custis, Ibrahim Leyva-Fojaco
- All-County Choir (SC): Nicholas Ables, Olunifeme Anawo, Tyler Ball, Marvin Caprio, Maria Gutierrez-Carcamo, Aubrey Johnson, Katelynne Megginson, Gabi Miguel, Giovanni Tiano, Kassi Timmons
- All-Eastern Ensembles (SC): Kylie Youse, Nicholas Ables

#### Visitors and Staff in Attendance

Jay Owens, Karen Blannard, Jennifer Troublefield, Celeste Bunting, Kelly Dorman, Tammy Smith, Charley Ruggiero, Preston Lewis, Alissa Booth, Christy Kerr, Sarah Green, David Hudson, Rick Evans, Brad Breasure, Mike Williams, Bradley Layfield, Monica McCurry, Jason Macrides, Janet Hickman, Maria Hazzard, Travis Bower, Neil Stong, Nika Reid, Linda Hockman, Cassie Queen, Suzanne Timmons, Melissa Kansak, Brad Cowen, Walter Smith, Cliff Toomey, Shawn Tidwell, Mark Dufendach, Keyana Johnson, Shawte Hastings, Emma McIntosh, Kerri McIntosh, Leah Sheridan Jacque Sheridan, Temperance Hammen-Smith, Brandi Hammen-Smith, Claire Hicks, Stacy Hicks, Scott Smith, Keri Justice, Ella Justice, Kyleigh McGee, Jamar Shields, Keshia Shields, John Justice, Crystal McGee, Keith McGee, Kathy Dulis, Maureen Rozanski, McKenna Boyle, Lily Allen, Phyllis Allen, Annie Custis, Greg Hastings, Charlotte Hastings, Layfield family, Villareal family, Hastings family, Brangly Perez, Lesly Perez, Jorge Velasquez, Blair Brown, Scott Hitchens, Briddell family.

#### Public Comments

Ronald Lewis, resident of Bayside Development, spoke to the Board about more information on the Citizens Oversight Committee. He also asked for more clarity on our district website for district boundary lines.

#### New Business

##### School Choice Applications 2022-2023 (December 2022)

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to accept 2022-2023 school choice applicants (December 2022) as presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously (9-0)

##### Donations

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Pryor, moved to accept the donations of \$26,413.00 from Giant Foods as presented. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

##### Georgetown Middle School Greenhouse Request

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept the Georgetown Middle School Greenhouse request as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

##### JUUL Litigation Directive and Retainer

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the JUUL Litigation and Directive as presented by Dr. Owens. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

##### New Sussex Central High School Market Pressure Funds Local Match

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the New Sussex Central High School Market Pressure Funds Local Match. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

*1) The district elects to fully utilize the authorization contained in Section 169 of the FY 2023 Bond Bill to transfer any funds remaining from the Howard T. Ennis construction project toward the required local market pressure match for the new Sussex Central High School project. 2) Subsequent to transferring all of the construction funds remaining at the completion of the Howard T. Ennis*

*construction project, the Board hereby authorizes that current expense funds, up to but not exceeding \$1,400,000 may be transferred to fully satisfy the remaining local match requirement.*

#### New Sussex Central High School Bid Pack "B"

Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve the New Sussex Central High School Bid Pack "B" as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### New Howard T. Ennis Board Allowance Notifications, Allowances

Mr. Booth notified the Board of an allowance in the amount of \$14,064.29 for the new Howard T. Ennis building as presented by Mr. Booth.

#### Artesian Agreement

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to accept the Artesian Water Company and Indian River School District agreement as presented by Mr. Booth. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

#### Old Business

##### Major Capital Planning

Dr. Owens gave a brief update on the new Sussex Central High School construction project. He thanked the Board for the Bid Pack "B" approval. The new traffic pattern is set to start on January 3, 2023.

##### Howard T. Ennis

There is still some work to be completed before the January 3, 2023 opening date. The pool is expected to be complete in February.

##### G.W. Carver Consent Update

Dr. Brittingham shared with the board the following highlights:

- The Carver Consent Order Community Advisory Board (CAB) members attended our board workshop on November 16, 2022 and engaged in a dialogue on diversity, equity, and inclusion with our school board members. The Community Advisory Board requested written responses to questions asked of our school board. The written questions and responses are included in Board Docs under the Carver Consent Order Update.
- The IRSD Equity Steering Committee held their monthly meeting on December 8, 2022. At this meeting, the schools started sharing out the implementation of their plans for this year. Tonight we will highlight a piece of the PCS plan.

##### Committee Reports

###### Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Fritz reviewed the minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting.

###### Comprehensive School Safety

No Report.

###### Finance

Mr. Fritz reviewed meeting minutes from December 12, 2022 meeting.

###### Curriculum

Dr. Statler shared with the Board the minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting.

###### DSBA Board of Directors

No meeting.

### DSBA Legislative

No meeting.

### Special Education Task Force

No report.

### Policy

#### First Reading

#### KLB – Public Complaints about the Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for a first reading: KLB – Public Complaints about the Curriculum and Instructional Materials. He requested that any changes can be reported to the Policy Committee.

#### First and Second Reading

#### EIB – Liability Insurance

Mr. Collins presented the following policy for a first and second reading: EIB – Liability Insurance. Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to accept the policy for a first and second reading. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### IREA Representative

Ms. Brown shared with the Board the 7<sup>th</sup> annual IREA scholarship fundraiser will be March 10, 2023 at the Millsboro Senior Center.

### Superintendents Report

Dr. Owens shared with the Board his monthly activities.

### District Calendar Changes

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Wright, moved to approve the addition of the Southern De School of the Arts Theater Flex Performance on March 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Financial Summaries for month ending November 30, 2022

Mrs. Smith reviewed the financial summaries, major and minor capital improvement financials for the month ending November 30, 2022. Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept the financial summaries for the month ending November 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Detail Information for month ending November 30, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, moved to approve the Detail Information for the month ending November 30, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Major Capital Improvements for month ending November 30, 2022

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Major Capital Improvements for the month ending November 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### Minor Capital Improvements for month ending November 30, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, moved to approve the Minor Capital Improvements for the month ending November 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

### FY 2023 Giveback Plan

Dr. Hattier, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve \$1,998,854.10 for the total FY 2023 Giveback Plan (\$1,782,334.43 Indian River School District + \$216,519.67 Howard T. Ennis) as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Final FY '23 Budget – Indian River School District

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fritz, moved to approve \$282,511,094 for the FY 2023 Indian River School District budget as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Final FY '23 Budget – Howard T. Ennis

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Ms. Moses, moved to approve \$15,501,411 for the FY 2023 Howard T. Ennis budget as presented by Mrs. Smith. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Agenda for December 19, 2022

Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to approve the Personnel Agenda for December 19, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Personnel Addendum for December 19, 2022

Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cathell, moved to approve the Personnel Addendum for December 19, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Bunting. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Student Hearing No. 23-57

Mr. Cathell, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved to accept the hearing officer's recommendation for student hearing no. 23-57. The motion passed (8-0-1)

For the motion: Mr. Cathell, Mr. Collins, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Layfield, Ms. Moses, Mr. Peden, Mrs. Pryor, Dr. Statler.

Abstained: Mrs. Wright

Public Comments

The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

President Layfield adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney M. Layfield  
President  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

Jay F. Owens  
Superintendent  
Board of Education  
Indian River School District

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